

defining one or more organizational entities within the enterprise;  
defining one or more user groups associated with each of the organizational entities;  
defining one or more users associated with each of the user groups; and  
defining user roles associated with at least one of the users.

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2 (Amended). The method of claim 1, further comprising defining one or more external agencies for interfacing with the project management server.

3 (Amended). The method of claim 1, further comprising defining one or more suppliers for interfacing with the project management server.

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5 (Amended). The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
remotely logging on to the project manager server from a terminal coupled with a computer network; and  
creating a project associated with one of the organizational entities.

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8 (Amended). The method of claim 6, wherein said method further comprises:  
providing a user identifier to the project management server from a remote location;  
receiving a customized home page in accordance with the user identifier, wherein the customized home page includes one or more projects associated with the user in accordance with the user roles; and  
interfacing with the project by viewing objects within the project tree in accordance with the user roles.

9 (Amended). The method of claim 6, further comprises:  
interfacing with said project by editing one or more objects within the project tree in accordance with the user roles.

10 (Amended). The method of claim 6, further comprising:  
interfacing with the project by deleting one or more objects within the project tree in accordance with the user roles.

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- 11 (Amended). The method of claim 6, wherein said method further comprises:  
interfacing with the project by adding one or more objects within said project tree in accordance with the user roles.
- 12 (Amended). The method of claim 3, further comprising completing a user defined spec for specifying a product of service.
- 13 (Amended). The method of claim 12, further comprising generating an RFQ from the completed user-defined spec.
- 14 (Amended). The method of claim 13, further comprising sending one or more RFQ's to suppliers that match the completed spec.
- 15 (Amended). The method of claim 14, further comprising receiving one or more bids from suppliers in response to the RFQs.
- 16 (Amended). The method of claim 15, further comprising awarding the job to one or more of said suppliers that sent in a bid.
- 17 (Amended). The method of claim 16, further comprising automatically generating purchase orders associated with awarded jobs.
- 18 (Amended). The method of claim 8, wherein said method further comprises:  
interfacing with said project by adding one or more objects to said customized home page.
- 19 (Amended). A centralized system for managing enterprise operations comprising:  
a project manager for creating projects for the enterprise, each of said projects being defined by a project management tree containing a plurality of data objects disposed to cooperatively effect a project management function;  
one or more internal departments of the enterprise coupled to said project manager; and  
one or more suppliers coupled to said project manager.